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1. The German-built power station at Dwory (N 50-00, E 19-17), which with three turbogenerators has a capacity of 120,000 kilowatt hours, supplies power to all the regional industrial enterprises, including the Nowa Huta works at Krakow. Current Soviet-Polish work on this plant, which calls for a doubling of its capacity, is difficult as the Russian experts are forcing three inferior and inappropriate Soviet generators upon the Poles.
2. The power station at Zeran (N 52-18, E 20-59), near Warsaw, also produces 120,000 kwh, and is in the process of expansion. The installation of some Soviet equipment late in 1954 caused an explosion. After an investigation, a Soviet inquiry commission determined that the cause of the explosion was the installation of inappropriate machinery, which was destined for a sugar refinery in the USSR.
3. In planning the expansion of the Lodz power station from 30,000 to 45,000 kwh, there was no consideration of the fact that since many of the individual power plants in the vicinity were foreign built and lacked replacement parts, they would soon become obsolete. A further expansion of 15,000 kwh is, therefore, planned.
4. In spite of a deficient water supply, construction of a 15,000 kwh station is planned at Bielsko (N 49-49, E 19-02).
5. The largest hydroelectric plant in Poland, which has a capacity of 200,000 kwh, is at Poreba on the Dunajec river. Plans are being worked out for a plant of equal capacity at Roznowo.¹
6. Each of the 15,000-kwh plants under construction at Szczecin and Czachow (N 49-50, E 20-41) will cost an estimated 80 million zloty.
7. A plan for power construction in Poland originates in the State Economic Planning Commission (PKPG) and is then forwarded to the Ministry of Electric Power, where the project is discussed with Soviet advisors. The projects department of the Ministry then works out a draft of the plans over a period as long as a year and one-half. If the cost of the project exceeds 10 million zloty, it must then be returned to the PKPG before the project department does the detailed planning. The latter may take as long as two years, while the actual

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construction averages four years. Planning for power development in Poland is hindered by the presence of three Soviet advisors in the Ministry of Electric Power and the enforced use of Soviet equipment. This equipment is inferior to the German machinery which the Soviets utilize, and is frequently inappropriate for a given project.

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